mechanised mining is carried out by National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) while the shallow mining is supervised by the Directorate of Geology and Mining, Madhya Pradesh.

(b) There are no diamond mines operating in the State of Chhattisgarh. However, the Central Government has approved grant of 23 Reconnaissance Permits (RPs) for exploration of diamond and associated minerals in the Chhattisgarh State.

Poverty alleviation schemes

†*325. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank has sanctioned funds for poverty alleviation schemes in the rural areas;

(b) if so, State-wise details thererof;

(c) the State-wise details of the proposals pending with Government in the regard; and

(d) the action so far taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of Rural poverty alleviation schemes being funded by World Bank are given in statement-l *(see below).*

(c) and (d) Development of Project Concept Notes/Proposals by State Governments and transmission of the same to the Central Government to receive external assistance to undertake rural development activities is a continuing process. Proposals/Concept Notes received from the States by the Ministry of Rural Development, after examination, are forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), which is the nodal Department for external assistance.

A list of the Project Concept Notes/Proposals received in the Ministry of Rural Development and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs, is at Statement-lI *(See* below/ These proposals are at various stages of processing.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement-I

World Bank Aided Poverty Alleviation Schemes

(Amount in US$ million)

S. No.	Project Name	States	Donor	Signing Date	Effective from	Closing date	Project cost	Loan/ Credit Amount	Cumulative Disbursement upto June, 2003
1.	AP-District Poverty Initiatives Project	Andhra Pradesh	IDA	12.5.2000	7.8.2000	31.12.2005	134.80	111.00	26.76
2.	AP-Rural Poverty Reduction Project	Andhra Pradesh	IDA	3.4.2003	13.5.2003	30.9.2008	275.00	150.00	—
3.	Madhya Pradesh District Poverty Initiatives	Madhya Pradesh	IDA	5.12.2000	27.2.2001	30.6.2006	134.70	110.10	11.30
4.	Raj-district Poverty initiatives Project	Rajasthan	IDA	19.5.2000	7.8.2000	31.12.2005	124.80	100.50	9.047
5.	*Chhattisgarh District Rural Poverty Project	Chhattisgarh	IDA	To be signed	To be effective	31.3.2009	129.35	112.56	—

*Negotiated with the World Bank from 13-17 March, 2003.
IDA-International Development Agency.

Statement-ll

List of Project Concept Notes/Proposals received in the Ministry of Rural Development and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs

S. No.	Name of the State	Title of the Project
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Concept Paper on the Socio-Economic Empowerment of Ambedkar Villages
2.	Karnataka	Concept Paper on the Project for Poverty Reduction in Karnataka (Chetna).
3.	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu Poverty Reduction Initiative Project Proposal.

Savings under SJGSY

†*326. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether women are being encouraged to cultivate habit of savings under Swarn Jyanti Gram Swarojzar Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government are also contributing any amount as incentive to the amount of savings done under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the district-wise details in respect of Bihar during the financial year 2001 -2002?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (c) Under Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of rural poor, including those of women, are encouraged to cultivated the habit of saving through thrift & credit activities.The Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which are in existence for about six months and have demonstrated the potential of a viable group are provided with Revolving Fund Assistance (RFA) from District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) and Banks as a cash credit facility. The DRDAs release subsidy which is equal to the group corpus with a minimum of Rs. 5,000/- and a maximum of Rs. 10,000/-. The Banks can sanction credit which could go up to four times of the group corpus. The

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